



March 15, 2017

**Via ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: NOTICE OF EX PARTE, WT Docket No. 03-66

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 13, 2017, Patty Tikkala, Vice President – Network, Richard Engelman, Director – Government Affairs, Spectrum, Gardner Foster, Senior Counsel – Government Affairs, and the undersigned of Sprint Corporation (“Sprint”) met with Rachel Bender, Chairman Pai’s Acting Wireless Advisor to discuss issues related to this proceeding.

Sprint representatives discussed its extensive build-out and use of the 2.5 GHz band in the deployment of its nationwide network and the reliance it places on the 2.5 GHz band to provide advanced wireless broadband LTE service to its customers. Sprint representatives also touted the technical advances Sprint has made through its extensive investment in deploying 2.5 GHz spectrum, including multiple carrier aggregation and HPUE (High Performance User Equipment) to increase the coverage of its 2.5 GHz spectrum to nearly equal its 1.9 GHz Personal Communications Service (“PCS”) spectrum. Finally, Sprint noted its support for the Wireless Communications Association (“WCA”), the National EBS Association (“NEBSA”) and the Catholic Television Network’s (“CTN”) joint 2.5 GHz Consensus Plan proposal to license available Educational Broadband Service (“EBS”) “white space” spectrum more extensively. Sprint provided Ms. Bender a copy of the attached slides that are excerpts from a presentation Ms. Tikkala delivered to the most recent NEBSA conference regarding Sprint’s 2.5 GHz network deployment.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, Sprint hereby files this *ex parte* letter into the docket of the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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